

Keeping Watch

On this day, April 18, in 1775, Paul Revere made his most famous ride, signaling the approach of the British by having lanterns placed in a church steeple: “One if by land and two if by sea.” In 1774, members of the Continental Congress had designated Revere – a silversmith, engraver and patriot – as an official courier to deliver information by horseback to the northern colonies. Revere served as the principal rider for Boston’s Committee of Safety.

Along with William Dawes and Samuel Prescott, Revere rode out at midnight to warn the colonists in the Massachusetts countryside that the British army was on the march. Revere slipped past British troops and reached Lexington but was captured before he arrived at Concord. Prescott got through in time, and the colonists were prepared when the British attacked the next day.

In the Old Testament, the watchman on the city walls had the job of alerting the people of approaching enemies. If he failed to sound the alarm, he was responsible for their death.

In the centers of Life Care and in the work of Life Care at Home, every associate has the responsibility of watching over our residents to ensure their wellbeing and to protect them from harm. It truly is every person’s job.

Additionally, we should watch over our own lifestyles, to be certain that we act with integrity and professionalism in the mission to which we are called. Temptations are always before us, the spiritual enemy seeks to destroy us, and we must be prepared to resist and overcome.

--Beecher Hunter